

# BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (B.S.) IN HEALTH SCIENCES

## ONLINE

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### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The online Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences is a dynamic major that is interdisciplinary in nature and provides flexible options that allow students to prepare for many kinds of health careers. The major provides the opportunity for students with an interest in the health professions to explore the many opportunities in the field and to develop the knowledge, values and interpersonal skills needed to be successful in today's health and human service settings.

### Academic Pathways:

The Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences has three academic pathways which will qualify students for entry into graduate programs in a specific health profession, entry-level employment in health-care related positions or educational mobility for individuals who wish to advance their education.

#### Option I: Pre-Professional Studies

This pre-professional option provides a foundation for study in a health profession program. In addition to the Health Science major courses, students will take prerequisite coursework needed for entry into an undergraduate or graduate health sciences program. The B.S. in Health Sciences prepares individuals for entry into a variety of graduate programs in health care, including chiropractic medicine, optometry, and public health, etc.

#### Option II: Health Care Studies

This option is for individuals who desire a career in the health care industry other than in a clinically-based profession. The student's course of study will build a solid academic foundation in humanities, math, science and health care delivery. The student may be encouraged to earn a minor in addition to the Health Sciences major to attain individual goals and to increase job opportunities. The graduate will be prepared for entry-level employment in health care related careers.

#### Option III: Health Care Advancement Studies

The Health Career Advancement Studies option is for individuals who are already health care workers and who hold an AA, AS, or AAS degree who wish to advance in their current positions or in a related area of health care. After completing this degree, the Track III student may go on to pursue graduate work in health sciences if desired.

### GETTING STARTED

Prospective students may apply through the Admissions website at [admissions.usd.edu](http://admissions.usd.edu).

For admission requirements, please visit: [admissions.usd.edu](http://admissions.usd.edu)

Once accepted, students can register online through WebAdvisor at [www.usd.edu/webadvisor](http://www.usd.edu/webadvisor) or through the online form located at <https://www.usd.edu/cde/registration>.

### TUITION RATES

For the most up-to-date online course tuition information, please visit: [www.usd.edu/cde/tuition-rates.cfm](http://www.usd.edu/cde/tuition-rates.cfm)

### NON- DEGREE PURSUANT STATUS

To experience the University of South Dakota as a non-degree pursuant student, the University offers undergraduate students the option of learning under a non-degree pursuant classification.

**Please note:** Enrollment in a course does not guarantee acceptance into the program.

Enrolling as a non-degree pursuant student is easy. Simply complete the online registration form at <https://www.usd.edu/cde/registration> during the registration session open to the public.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information, please visit

<http://www.usd.edu/cde/online-bs-health-sciences.cfm>

or contact a higher education service site that is appropriate for you:

**Sioux City, Iowa,  
Vermillion area & Worldwide**  
Division of Continuing Education  
1-800-233-7937  
605-677-6240  
[cde@usd.edu](mailto:cde@usd.edu)

**Rapid City & Pierre area**  
University Center - Rapid City  
Contact: Benjamin Krush  
605-718-4112  
[UC-RC@usd.edu](mailto:UC-RC@usd.edu)

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University Center  
605-367-5640  
1-866-220-7085  
[info@sduniversitycenter.org](mailto:info@sduniversitycenter.org)

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## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND COURSE ROTATIONS

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (B.S.) REQUIREMENTS

- I. Major Requirements (outlined below) 44 credit hours  
 II. System Wide General Education Requirements 30 credit hours  
 III. Electives 46 credit hours  
 (If optional minor is chosen, the minor credit hours will replace 18 elective credit hours.) Graduates of technical institutes whose program of study has an articulation agreement in place with USD will transfer in health-related technical education credits to satisfy some or all of the elective credit hours identified above.  
 IV. Proficiency Exam (must be completed after 48 credit hours)

### Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences CORE REQUIREMENTS (44 CREDIT HOURS)

| Course   | Course Title   | Site   | Rotation                 |
|--|--|--------|--------------------------|
| HSC 110  | The Multidisciplinary Health Team (3 cr.)                | Online | Every Fall, Every Spring |
| HSC 305  | Human Relations (3 cr.)                                  | Online | Every Spring             |
| HSC 310  | Health Care Delivery (3 cr.)                             | Online | Every Fall               |
| HSC 350  | Principles of Health Care (3 cr.)                        | Online | Every Semester           |
| HSC 360  | Technology in Care Delivery (3 cr.)                      | Online | Every Spring             |
| HSC 380  | Health Literacy and Culture Care (3 cr.)                 | Online | Every Summer             |
| HSC 440  | Major Issues in Health and Human Services (3 cr.)        | Online | Every Fall               |
| HSC 460  | Leading Change (3 cr.)                                   | Online | Every Fall               |
| HSC 485  | Health Care Field Experiences (3 cr.)                    | Online | Every Semester           |
| LDR 404  | Leadership Communication and Conflict Resolution (3 cr.) | Online | Every Summer             |
| PHGY<br>220/220L                                   | Human Anatomy/Physiology I (4 cr.)                       | Online | Every Semester           |
| PHGY<br>230/230L                                   | Human Anatomy/Physiology II (4 cr.)                      | Online | Every Semester           |
| <b>Choose one of the following: 3 cr. required</b> |  |        |                          |
| HSAD 305   | Health Service Systems (3 cr.) <b>or</b>                 | Online | Every Spring             |
| HSAD 325   | Gerontology & Long-Term Care (3 cr.) <b>or</b>           | Online | Every Fall               |
| HSAD 350   | Health Care Law (3 cr.)                                  | Online | Every Summer             |
| <b>Choose one of the following: 3 cr. required</b> |  |        |                          |
| SPAN/HSC<br>306                                    | Spanish for Health Care Workers (3 cr.) <b>or</b>        | Online | TBA                      |
| SPCM 440   | Health Communication (3 cr.)                             | Online | Every Summer             |

It is recommended that students work closely with an advisor to ensure pre-requisite coursework required for graduate programs are completed and/or that elective courses meet their desired career goals.

### Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Health Sciences Program Total: 120 credit hours

\*If you are a prospective student with a disability and need assistance or accommodations during the admission/application process, please contact the Director of Disability Services, 119B Service Center North, USD, Vermillion, SD 57069. Phone: 605-677-6389 Fax: 605-677-3172 E-mail: [disabilityservices@usd.edu](mailto:disabilityservices@usd.edu)

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